

JUDICIAL REVIEW COUNCIL TESTIMONY

Good afternoon, Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is David Dee and I am honored to be nominated by the Governor to serve as an alternate member of the Judicial Review Council.

I would first like to provide you with some personal background. I am Connecticut born and bred. My family resided in Bristol for ten years and then moved to Newington, where I graduated from Newington High School in 1976. I then attended The University of Connecticut and eventually graduated from the now Quinnipiac School of Law in 1984. My wife and I were married in 1984. In 1988 we moved to Avon, where we continue to reside. We have two children ages 23 and 19.

Upon graduation from law school I worked for a small firm for a few years and then became a sole practitioner. During my years of practice, I dedicated myself to representing the State and its citizens in a number of ways. I accepted appointments in the Family Support Magistrate Court representing indigent parties. I have represented children and parents in the juvenile court concerning neglect/uncared for issues, children in the juvenile court concerning delinquency matters, and have represented inmates concerning habeas corpus petitions. I was consistently on the pro bono honor

roll for counsel who accepted pro bono matters. My State service includes an appointment in 1991 as a Public member the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration. I retained that position until my appointment to the position of Family Support Magistrate. I also served as a Member of the Employee Review Board and the Interest Arbitration Panel.

My years of practice included extensive involvement with Family Law matters. This base of family law experience, as well as approximately 17 years of experience as a neutral labor arbitrator, in both the public and private sector, prepared me well for my present position. I also believe these experiences have prepared me for the position of alternate to the Judicial Review Council.

I appreciate your attention to my remarks and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have for me. Thank you.